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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General  
3 Assembly pays honor and respect to individuals who have given  
4 their lives in the line of duty; and

5 WHEREAS, Morris Police Department Patrolman Clarence  
6 Roseland's honorable service was tragically cut short when he  
7 was killed in the line of duty on February 3, 1935; and

8 WHEREAS, Patrolman Roseland left behind his wife, Bertha,  
9 and his children, including Marge, Lois, Wayne, and Chuck; and

10 WHEREAS, On the night Patrolman Roseland was killed, both  
11 he and his partner, Ed Garrity, were making their regular  
12 rounds patrolling the stores and businesses in the downtown  
13 area; and

14 WHEREAS, While on the 800 block of Liberty Street, Officer  
15 Garrity had gone into a nearby building to attend to some  
16 personal matters; Patrolman Roseland began to walk the streets,  
17 checking local business; and

18 WHEREAS, When Patrolman Roseland reached Gable's Grocery  
19 Store on the east side of the street, he discovered the door  
20 was open; he entered the store and was confronted by a man with

1 a gun; he had interrupted a robbery in progress by 3 armed men;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The officer was forced at gunpoint to return to  
4 his vehicle; when Officer Garrity returned to the squad car, he  
5 found that Patrolman Roseland had been shot from behind in cold  
6 blood and had died almost instantly; and

7 WHEREAS, The robbers fled the scene with a female hostage,  
8 who they released later near Joliet; the criminals successfully  
9 robbed a total of nearly \$60; and

10 WHEREAS, After several months, the robbers were  
11 apprehended and Louis Lutz was charged with the murder of  
12 Patrolman Roseland; and

13 WHEREAS, The murder of Clarence Roseland was a tragedy that  
14 greatly affected the residents of Grundy County for many years  
15 to come; he was a great and noble man who was a respected  
16 citizen of his community; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
19 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the portion of  
20 Illinois Route 47 over the Illinois River bridge from Pine  
21 Bluff Road to Washington Street as the Patrolman Clarence

1 Roseland Memorial Road; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
3 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with  
4 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs  
5 giving notice of the name of the Patrolman Clarence Roseland  
6 Memorial Road; and be it further

7       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
8 presented to the family of Clarence Roseland, the Secretary of  
9 the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Morris Police  
10 Department, and the Mayor of the City of Morris.